

House Study Bill 79 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the factors that must be considered by an
2 arbitrator for a public employee collective bargaining
3 agreement and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 20.22, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. The interests and welfare of the public, the ability of
4 the public employer to finance economic adjustments without
5 raising any tax, and the effect of such adjustments on the
6 normal standard of services.

7 Sec. 2. Section 20.22, subsection 7, paragraph d, Code 2015,
8 is amended by striking the paragraph.

9 Sec. 3. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to binding
10 arbitrations pursuant to chapter 20 entered into on or after
11 the effective date of this Act.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill modifies the factors that an arbitrator must
16 consider in the arbitration of a public employee collective
17 bargaining agreement.

18 Current law requires an arbitrator to consider the ability
19 of the public employer to finance economic adjustments. The
20 bill requires an arbitrator to consider the ability of the
21 public employer to finance economic adjustments without raising
22 any tax.

23 The bill strikes a requirement that the arbitrator consider
24 the power of the public employer to levy taxes and appropriate
25 funds for the conduct of its operations.

26 The bill applies to binding arbitrations pursuant to Code
27 chapter 20 entered into on or after the effective date of the
28 bill.